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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO GUATEMALA, LONDON, MEXICO, BELIZE FROM USUN NOV 12:

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SUBJ: 32ND UNGA: FOURTH COMMITTEE: BELIZE

REF: A. USUN 4313: B. USUN 4480; C. USUN 4502

1. THERE FOLLOWS IN PARA 4 DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.4/32/L.23, CONCERNING BELIZE, CO-SPONSORED BY EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA. (REF B CONTAINED AN INFORMAL TRANS-LATION.) THIS RESOLUTION WILL HAVE PRIORITY OVER THE BELIZE-CARIBBEAN DRAFT A/C.4/32/L.24 (REFTEL A), CONTAINED IN PARA 5. THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT L.24 HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY SOFTENED FROM THE EARLIER WORKING PAPER.

2. UKUN MISOFF TOLD US HE EXPECTS L.23 TO BE SOUNDLY DEFEATED.

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3. USUN RECOMMENDATIONS TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL C.

4. BEGIN TEXT. QUOTE: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF BELIZE,

HAVING EXAMINED THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE REPORT OF

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THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONAIL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, 1/

1/ A/32/23/ADD.7, CHAP. XXIV.

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF
GUATEMALA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND 2/ AND OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF AND
PETITIONERS FROM BELIZE,

2/ A/C.4/32/SR.20.

REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED IN THE DECLARATION
ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND
PEOPLES, SET OUT IN ITS RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF 14
DECEMBER 1960,

NOTING THAT A DISPUTE HAS EXISTED FOR MANY YEARS BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENTS OF GUATEMALA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND CONCERNING THE TERRITORY
OF BELIZE,

CONSIDERING THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PACE
REGARDING THE SAID DISPUTE, WITH A VIEW TO ARRIVING
AT A SETTLEMENT SATISFACTORY TO ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED,
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HAVING BEEN INFORMED THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE
IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GUATEMALA AND THE UNITED
KINGDOM CONCERNING BELIZE, THUS GIVING GROUNDS TO
HOPE FOR AN EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE,

1. URGES THE GOVERNMENTS OF GUATEMALA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO EXPIDITE THE
NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE CONCERNING THE TERRITORY
OF BELIZE, WITH A VIEW TO ARRIVING AT AN EARLY SETTLEMENT
OF THE DISPUTE;

2. RECOMMENDS TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS THAT THE SETTLEMENT
OF THE DISPUTE SHOULD TAKE DUE ACCOUNT OF THE VITAL INTERESTS
OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE
OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES ESTABLISHED IN THE DECLARATION
SET OUT IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514 (XV);

3. REQUESTS THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO REPORT TO THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS

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THIRTY-THIRD SESSION, ON THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED NEGOTIATIONS.

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5. BEGIN TEXT: QUOTE. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

QUESTION OF BELIZE

ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS, BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH, BARBADOS, BENIN, CANADA, CONGO, DENMARK, FIJI, GRENADA, GUINEA-BISSAU, GUYANA, HAITI, INDIA, IVORY COAST, JAMAICA,
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KUWAIT, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PANAMA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SAMOA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, SURINAM, SWEDEN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHER IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND ZAMBIA: DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF BELIZE,

HAVING EXAMINED THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLE-MENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, 1/

1/ A/32/23/ADD.7, CHAP. XXIX.

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 3432 (XXX) OF 8 DECEMBER 1975 AND 31:50 OF 1 DECEMBER 1976,

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND 2/ AND THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA,

2/ A/C.4/32/SR.20.

HAVING ALSO HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF BELIZE.

REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED IN THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, SET OUT IN ITS RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960, IN PARTICULAR, THAT ALL PEOPLES HAVE THE RIGHT TO
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SELF-DETERMINATION, BY VURTUE OF WHICH RIGHT THEY FREELY
DETERMINE THEIR POLITICAL STATUS AND FREELY PURSUE
THEIR ECONOMIC, SICIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT,

NOTING THAT, IN THE BOGOTA DECLARATION OF 6 AUGUST 1977, IT
WAS AGREED THAT "A SOLUTION OF THE BELIZE QUESTION SHOULD BE
FOUND BY THE PEACEFUL METHODS CONSECREATED IN THE CHARTERS
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE UNITED
NATIONS, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESPECT FOR ITS TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY AND WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF THE FREE SELF-
DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES",

NOTING THAT, IN JULY 1977, NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, AS THE ADMINISTERING POWER,
ACTING IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE,
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS
OF PARAGRAPH 4 OF RESOLUTION 31/50,

DEEPLY REGRETTING THE INTERRUPTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND
THE CONTINUED FAILURE OF THE PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT
IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED IN RESOLUTIONS
3432 (XXX) AND 31/50,

CONCERNED THAT THE OBSTACLES PUT IN THE WAY OF THE PEOPLE OF
BELIZE TO PREVENT THEM FROM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-
DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT FEAR HAVE NOT YET
BEEN REMOVED,

CONVINCED THAT THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE SHOULD BE ASSISTED IN A
PRACTICAL MANNER TO EXERCISE FREELY AND WITHOUT FEAR
THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, INDEPENDENCE
AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY,

1. REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE
TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE;

2. REAFFIRMS THAT THE INVIOLABILITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
OF BELIZE MUST BE PRESERVED;

3. CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, AS THE ADMINISTERING
POWER, ACTING IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF
BELIZE, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA,

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TO PURSUE VIGOROUSLY THEIR NEGOTIATIONS IN STRICT CONFORMITY
WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3432
(XXX), IN CONSULTATION AS APPOPRIATE, WITH OTHER SPECIALLY
INTERESTED STATES IN THE AREA, WITH A VIEW TO CONCLUDING
THE NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THE NEXT SESSION OF GHE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY;

4. CALLS ALSO UPON THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO REFRAIN FROM
ANY THREATS OR USE OF FORCE AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE
OR THEIR TERRITORY;

5. URGES ALL STATES TO RESPECT THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE
TO SELF-DETERMINATION, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY,
AND TO RENDER ALL PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE NECESSARY FOR THE
SECURE AND EARLY EXERCISE OF THAT RIGHT;

6. REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION ON THE OUTCOME OF
THE NEGOTIATIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE;

7. REQUESTS THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH
REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES TO REMAIN
SEIZED OF THE QUESTION AND TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE
IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHTS.

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